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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Tom Knapp et al.

Art Unit : 1641

Serial No. : 09/759,629

Examiner : Gailene R. Gabel

Filed : January 12, 2001

Title : PHOTON REDUCING AGENTS FOR FLUORESCENCE ASSAYS

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

Applicants hereby petition under §1.313(c)(2) for the withdrawal of this application from issue to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement filed in a Request for Continued Examination application filed herewith. The issue fee was paid on January 10, 2005.

The Information Disclosure Statement is being filed to allow consideration of references not previously before the Examiner in this case. The references were brought to the Applicants' attention in a European Opposition proceeding.

A Request for Continued Examination of this application under §1.114 is being filed simultaneously herewith, and is intended to continue this application on the grant of this petition.

Enclosed is a check for \$130.00 in payment of the petition fee required by 1.17(h).

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: 5/20/05

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Title : Photon Reducing Agents for Fluorescence Assays

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Dear Examiner Dingle,

Per my conversation with Examiner Gabel this morning (May 20, 2005), we were instructed to fax you the attached Petition to Withdraw from Issuance and associated documents (RCE and IDS). Applicants became aware of the references cited in the attached IDS in a European Opposition proceeding; the cited references have not been considered by the Examiner in this case.

The issue fee in the above-referenced case was paid on January 10, 2005. We note that the PAIR status of this case indicates that processing of this application by the Tech Center was completed on April 1, 2005. As we are uncertain as to when this case will issue, we are faxing this request for immediate attention and processing.

Attached to this facsimile communication cover sheet is a Transmittal Letter; Request for Continued Examination; Petition to Withdraw from Issuance; Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; and six (6) documents cited, all faxed this 20th day of May, 2005, to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 612-766-2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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- Petition to Withdraw from Issuance (2 pages);
- Information Disclosure Statement (1 page);
- Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
- Cited References (6 documents);
- Request for Continued Examination (1 page); and
- Official Fax Letter (2 pages).

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